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NEW LIGHT ON NAZI EFFORT TO BORE INTO U. S. ARMED FORCES

Philadelphia Case and Others Being Investigated by FBI -- High-Ranking U. S. Army and Navy Men Exposed as Present at Nazi Rally

Federal authorities have been fully apprised of the Nazi Bund's efforts to organize a fascist clique within the armed forces of the United States, it has been learned by The Hour. Certain facts have come to the knowledge of the authorities with regard to the Nazi Kyffhauserbund in Philadelphia, and, in consequence, a wide probe is being undertaken into the activities of organizations previously believed to be German but not Nazi.

We also learn that high government authorities are gravely concerned over the un-American efforts directed at the country's armed forces. This concern is justified when one recalls that such figures as General George Van Horn Moseley and Major General Robert M. Brookfield of Philadelphia have been exposed as having strong Nazi sympathies -- sympathies which can never be reconciled with any belief in the American way.

Names of Those Who Attended

When FBI officials announced that uniformed army officers attended the Washington Birthday exercises of the Kyffhauserbund in Philadelphia last February, they mentioned only one officer, General Brookfield, among those who participated in the Nazi celebration. The Hour is now able to list the others present at the Nazi exercises, namely: Captain Albert J. Westerman, U. S. A., R. O. C.; Lieutenant William F. Geller, U. S. N. R.; and Colonel Albert de Propper. Also present were six national guardsmen in uniform. Twenty Italian war veterans, twenty members of the Deutsche Frontkampferschaft, and a military group of the Nazi Bund, all in their uniforms, stood and saluted side by side with the uniformed Americans. Music was furnished by the First National Guard band of Philadelphia. Nazi and Italian flags had places of honor along



the walls and were saluted by all present, including the American military Principal speaker of the evening was the Rev. S. C. Von Bosse, Lutheran minister of Philadelphia, who was also among the main speakers at the German-American Bund rally in New York's Madison Square Garden last year. Arno P. Mowitz, German consul in Philadelphia, was also present. It is noted that Herr Mowitz resigned his consular post last week after the FBI announced that it had completed a probe of Nazi activities in Philadelphia.

Nazis Aim at President Roosevelt

The Kyffhauserbund (League of German War Veterans in the United States) claims that it is open only to those who have become U. S. citizen or who have signified their intention to be naturalized. It alleges that it is seeking "an understanding among all nations ... that will avoid future wars." Its true purpose, however, is to establish contacts for the Nazi Bund among active or retired members of the U. S. Army, Navy, National Guard, as well as within the American Legion, in an effort to split America's armed forces, turning part of the latter against President Roosevelt and in favor of Hitler's cause. Apropos of this effort of the Nazis we recall a conversation which a reporter for The Hour had recently with a leading Bund official. The reporter asked: "But who could or would lead the Nazi forces in this country?" The Bund official was quick to reply: "Why, General Moseley of course, and a few more like him."

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BENES TO FORM NEW CZECH GOVERNMENT: ENGLAND AND FRANCE TO RECOGNIZE IT

The Hour is reliably informed from London that Dr. Eduard Benes is now engaged in the organization of a new Czechoslovak government, with temporary headquarters in London, and that the British and French governments will at once recognize it as the only legal government of Czechoslovakia. The desperate attempts of the Nazis to discredit Jan Masaryk, by means of publishing his secret correspondence to Prague in September, 1938, are prompted by the Nazis' advance knowledge of these plans for the new government and its official recognition. By broadcasting Masaryk's notes and dispatches, which the Nazis seized in the archives of Prague, Hitler's clique hopes to turn Chamberlain away from the Czechs once more (Masaryk in those dispatches voiced his unflattering opinion of Chamberlain as statesman).

Chamberlain, however, is no longer his own free agent but has to yield to British public opinion and its unceasing, growing pressure. In this connection we wish to recall to our readers that in The Hour for July 30, in an item from London, we predicted war and revival of the Czech issue as the result of the outraged public opinion. In The Hour for September 9, in another item from London, we wrote: "Watch for significant developments in connection with the Czechoslovak problem in about ten days." We did not date the London story, but it was sent to us on September 3. Ten days later, on September 13, in his speech to the House of Commons, Chamberlain announced that "the British government looked forward ... to the release of the Czech people from foreign domination."

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CHRISTIAN MOBILIZERS PLAY DETECTIVE

"Discover" Information Published in National Weekly

On Tuesday, September 12, The Hour received a telephone call from a young woman who represented herself as a member of the Carroll Club, eager for information on the Christian Mobilizers. She was told that the interest of the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda and that of its publication, The Hour, is concerned chiefly with the Nazis and not with the Mobilizers or any other of the Coughlin-inspired groups; however, it was pointed out, wherever there are definite tie-ups between such groups and the Nazis, the interest of our organization is naturally involved. It was suggested to the young woman that for further information she read the September 26 issue of Look magazine which deals with the problem "Coughlin and the Nazi Bunds."

The young lady then proceeded to ask a series of questions about the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, its attitude toward Communism, etc.

The questions had a strangely familiar Coughlinote and The Hour decided to trace the call. It was learned the call was made from one of the Christian Mobilizer headquarters, from the C.M. (Christian Mobilizer) Publishing Co.

It was also learned that the young lady (could it have been the "pretty girl" whose picture appears at the top of page 12 in the Look article?) had previously called the New York offices of Look, and that she had asked the editors for the sources of their information.

We are now told that the inner sanctum of the CM is chucklingly prideful of having so skillfully tracked down the source of the Look data. Indeed, we understand the Mobilizers intend soon to make public this scoop, this astounding revelation. No one appreciates more than ourselves the cunning ingenuity displayed by the CM's in their sleuthing; Dick Tracy could not have done better. However, for the purpose of economizing their energies, we suggest they read the October 10 issue of Look. In this issue the magazine gives full credit to those sources from which it obtained material.

Addendum: The title of the October 10 article is "Hitler Speaks and the Bund Obeys." From this article the young woman who called our office can learn further facts of considerable interest about her co-workers. For example, documentary material (published for the first time) will establish the authority of the Goebbels Propaganda Ministry over the German-American Bund. The material definitely proves the contention made in the June 30 issue of The Hour that Kuhn and Co. are under orders emanating from Wilhelmplatz 8, Berlin.

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SECRET GUARD UNITS ORGANIZED BY FASCIST "MOBILIZERS"

Formation of secret "guard units" is the latest step of the Christian Mobilizers in New York, a fascist group headed by Joseph E. McWilliams. His purpose is ostensibly "defense," but actually this underground army of fascists is to be used in attacking American democracy. On September 7, at a closed meeting of the Mobilizers, McWilliams said: "From now on we are going to operate under the surface as well as above. We are forming a secret organization of defense guards which is going to raise plenty of hell. If necessary we are going to fight it out in the streets of New York." The Mobilizers already have 200 storm-troopers who drill secretly and regularly under the command of a former member of the National Guard. "Soldiers of the secret guard units," explained one of their leaders, "will become generals of our army of the future." No weapons are used in the drilling for the time being, but for the units chiefly those men are selected who have a practical knowledge of firearms.

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MOBILIZERS MAY MERGE WITH BUND

Fritz Kuhn's Bund and Joe McWilliams' Christian Mobilizers may soon merge into one anti-democratic organization, The Hour learns. McWilliams is in daily contact with a special representative of the Bund, endeavoring to bring to a climax the series of open fraternizations which took place between the two groups in the course of July and August. Once the merger is achieved, the united forces will open a major campaign against the cause of democracy. They will try to confuse domestic and international issues by urging the United States to seize Canada and all other British and French possessions in the Americas.

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SHARP OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRAISES NAZIS

The Swiss Correspondence Bureau in Vienna under the date of August 21 reports that an American educator delivered in Munich a speech full of praise for the Nazis. The report states that on the occasion of the arrival in Munich of a group of U. S. students, mainly from the Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, a reception was arranged by the Nazis. This was done under the auspices of the so-called "American Committee" of the German Academy at Munich. Ably assisting Nazi propagandists, "Professor Stanton Sharp of Stanford University" embellished the occasion by delivering a speech in which he said that "the young American students were deeply impressed with the mighty achievements and constructive will of Nazi Germany."

(Stanford University Bulletin lists "Stanley Louis Sharp, instructor in Germanic languages, A. B., Utah, 1929; A. M., Stanford, 1931; Ph.D., 1934; student, Universities of Marburg, Jena, and Berlin, 1927-28; ... at Stanford since 1929.")

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MILWAUKEE NAZIS PLAN NEW DRIVE

Reinforced by Little Fuehrers Fleeing from Winnipeg

MILWAUKEE, September 14 (Special to The Hour)--German Nazis, fleeing from Manitoba after the Canadian declaration of war against Hitler's Reich, are choosing Milwaukee, Chicago and other Midwestern points of the United States. Chief among such "refugees" is Otto G. Janssen, until recently acting German consul in Winnipeg. He will make his new headquarters at Chicago, but much attention will be paid by him and other little fuehrers to Milwaukee, with its strong German population.

Plans are made for Nazi campaigning in Milwaukee within the immediate future. For October 27 the Nazis have secured a large auditorium where they will celebrate the Concord Day of 1939. Bert Weisflog and Paul Knauer, president and vice-president respectively of the German-American Citizens' Alliance, both known as members of the Nazi Bund, are in charge of arrangements. Wilhelm Kunze, Nazi fuehrer of Philadelphia, and the German consul of Chicago are expected among the main speakers.

The most recent important event among Milwaukee Nazis was the celebration on Sunday, August 27, at Camp Hindenburg, which is 20 miles north of Milwaukee on the Milwaukee River, near Grafton, Wisconsin. The camp is operated by the Bund. Six hundred adults and children were addressed by Wilhelm Kunze of Philadelphia and some local speakers. Kunze said: "Things in Europe are going to happen just exactly as Hitler says they will. We should have learned from the last six years." The listeners were told to "go out and aid the Bund's program to rid America of President Rosenfeld, his New Deal and the nation's Jewish democracy." This war is "a Jewish war," Kunze said, adding: "By learning a few lessons from the smart nations abroad, we could make a paradise out of this country in a few years." Other speakers were Otto Wilhelm, Chicago Bund leader, and George Froboese of Milwaukee, the Midwest fuehrer of the Bund.

Froboese and Hitler -- Goerner and Coughlin

It is to be recalled that George Froboese of Milwaukee, together with Fritz Kuhn, carried the \$3,000 "Winter-Relief" fund to Adolf Hitler in 1937, and, like Kuhn, was photographed with Hitler. The picture appeared on the front page of the 1938 Bund Yearbook. Froboese is the official editor of the Chicago edition of the Bund's Weekruf und Beobachter, and is constantly dividing his time between Milwaukee and Chicago, besides appearing in Kenosha, Racine, Madison and other points in Wisconsin.

Another ardent Nazi of Milwaukee is Ernst Goerner. He has published several vicious anti-democratic broadsides, full of praise for Father Coughlin.

An active admirer and protector of Nazis is John C. Schafer, elected from Wisconsin to U. S. Congress last year on the Republican ticket. In a forthcoming issue The Hour will be able to present detailed data on Congressman Schafer's pro-Nazi activities.

